

2017 Annual Water Quality Report

The 2017 City of Santa Barbara Water Quality Report is now available. Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water to view the report to learn more about the sources and quality of your drinking water.

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WATER RATES ADOPTED

City Council adopted new water rates for the next three fiscal years on August 15th. The rates became effective for water usage immediately thereafter and will appear on bills in October.

The City's water rate structure is based on a comprehensive rate study that uses a rate model to evaluate the cost of service, as required by California Proposition 218. Revenues generated from water rates recover the costs associated with the operations, maintenance, and infrastructure necessary to provide safe and reliable water service.

Adjustments to water rates were necessary to generate the appropriate amount of revenue to pay for ongoing costs due to drought conditions and changes in water supplies, and meet debt obligations and City Council policy reserve requirements.

The average single family home uses 8 HCF per month and will see their monthly water bill increase from \$94.62 to \$95.49, reflecting a difference of \$0.87 (or an increase of approximately 0.9%). Customers are encouraged to use the online water rate calculator at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water to see how the new rates could impact their bill.

Our water customers are doing a great job by reducing water use during the drought by a cumulative average of 38% compared to 2013. The City's Water Conservation Program is here to help customers evaluate and reduce landscape watering, check for leaks, read their meter, and learn about rebates and resources. For more information, visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water or call (805) 564-5460.

FALL PLANTING FOR SPRING COLOR



Native plants add color to your garden and require minimal maintenance and watering.

Visit our Virtual Garden Tours and Plant Database website or download our brand new Water Wise Native Plants for Santa Barbara County booklet. Rebates may be available for replacing lawn with water wise plants, visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Rebates or call 564-5460 for more information before any work is done. Let's save together!

What if you could have a beautiful garden that saves you water, time, and money? Native plants can help you reach those goals. Now is the time to start planning. Planting natives in the fall encourages the growth of strong root systems. Plants also benefit from winter showers to get established. Native plants typically require little maintenance, are well adapted to local conditions, have few pests, and do not require regular fertilizing.

Ready to upgrade your landscape but need some help? Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise for inspiration.

CELEBRATE CREEK WEEK SEPTEMBER 16-24!



Santa Barbara's 18th annual Creek Week is coming up, kicking off with Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 16! Join the City of Santa Barbara Creeks Division, County of Santa Barbara Project Clean Water,

City of Goleta, City of Carpinteria, University of California, Santa Barbara, Explore Ecology, and many other local organizations for a week full of exploring our local creeks, watersheds, and ocean.



Volunteer to clean up your local creek!

The Creeks Division will host a tour on the Land Shark and a tour of the Upper Arroyo Burro Restoration at Barger Canyon, with more events to come. Also planned for the week are kayak tours, bird watching, creek and beach clean-ups, nature walks, a family celebration at the Watershed Resource Center, and much more! Visit sbcreekweek.com and like us at facebook.com/sbcreekweek to keep up to date on events as they're added.

2017 HARBOR & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

COME FOR THE FOOD; STAY FOR THE FUN!



This year marks the 16th Harbor & Seafood Festival. Decades ago, an annual Fishermen's Festival featured a parade of fishing boats packed with people covered in flowers and streamers. It was reinvented in 2002, moved from spring to fall to coincide with the start of the lobster fishery season, and updated to make local fisheries a cornerstone of the event. This year, the annual Harbor & Seafood Festival takes place on October 14th from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is sure to continue the tradition of a lively, family-friendly celebration of all that Santa Barbara Harbor has to offer.

The one-day event draws thousands of people to the Waterfront to enjoy succulent seafood like fresh lobsters and barbecued albacore, plus a host of other seafood treats and marine-related information and demonstrations. The highlight revolves around the ability for visitors to meet local fishermen and learn from their experience while picking out their fresh lobster and crab, which are then prepared right in front of them.

But what keeps visitors enjoying the event is the open and friendly space. It's the perfect place to enjoy fresh food and listen to live music with no entry fees. The event features two different live music stages, with the main stage hosting long time local bands filling the air with California rock and roll and fun and funky beach tunes that are a hit, year after year.

There is truly something for everyone. Along with the live music and great food are plenty of free activities for youth and families to enjoy. From unique boat tours and free harbor boat rides to special access to a tall ship and the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, it's all available while enjoying the beautiful Santa Barbara Harbor. Come join the tradition of a fun, family-friendly celebration of the fruits of the Santa Barbara Channel. Visit harborfestival.org for more information.

OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING ENFORCEMENT STARTS SEPTEMBER 5



For more information, visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/oversized or call Downtown Parking at 564-5656.

On Tuesday, September 5, the City will begin enforcing the recently adopted Oversized Vehicle Ordinance.

Vehicles greater than 25 feet long, or 80 inches wide, or 82 inches high are prohibited from

parking in the public right-of-way, with some exceptions.

Permits for certain temporary uses, commercial vehicles, and disabled persons are available in the Downtown Parking Office, located at 1221 Anacapa Street.

Recycle your old batteries at home!

TAPE the ends of the batteries

BAG in a clear plastic bag

PLACE on top
of your recycling bin on collection days



For more information about recycling batteries:
SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Recycling

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*Cash for Making
Your Garden More
Water Wise!*



Get a rebate of up to 50% of the material costs of pre-approved irrigation equipment, water wise plants and mulch, laundry to landscape graywater materials, and smart irrigation controllers.

Any combination of irrigation equipment and planting costs may qualify for a one-time, maximum **rebate of \$1,000 for homes and \$4,000 for businesses**. Rebates are not retroactive and a pre-inspection is required.



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